


REMARKS

The applicant has amended Claim 14 to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been inserted by making this correction.

The applicant traverses the election of specie requirement on the basis that the group of modified toxins are closely related to one another and are not so unique as to comprise distinct inventions. Specifically, they are all modified versions of disulfide loop containing bacterial pyrogenic toxins as discussed starting at page 5, line 12 of the specification. Therefore, the applicant retains claims generic to all species and requests reconsideration and examination of all the modified toxins of the group on allowance of the elected specie.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

14. (Amended) The modified toxin of claim 7 wherein the staphylococcal enterotoxin is staphylococcal enterotoxin C1, staphylococcal enterotoxin C2, staphylococcal enterotoxin [C2] C3, staphylococcal enterotoxin C-MNCPeland, staphylococcal enterotoxin C-4446, staphylococcal enterotoxin C-bovine, staphylococcal enterotoxin C-canine or staphylococcal enterotoxin C-ovine.